

More media diversity please

I am writing to request that the FCC maintain the current ownership rules. When media ownership becomes concentrated the diverse points of view and public debate necessary to uphold a democracy are weakened and the whole society suffers. The increasing scarcity of diverse points of view over an increasingly greater number of media outlets (newspapers, TV and radio stations) only underscores the need for a continued if not greater diversity of media ownership.

I further request that the FCC hold hearings around the country so that the voices of those affected by the outcomes of these important regulatory decisions will be heard. At present the discussion seems to focus on financial concerns, when the effect of media consolidation would be much greater than the financial consequences.

It is vital that the FCC take the time necessary to consider the wide-reaching effects of further media consolidation.

Respectfully,

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